

Wildlife Division PO Box 200701 Helena MT 59620-0701 July 14, 2014

Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public review and comment on proposed 2014 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations. Additional information is below including the deadline for public comment.

2014 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations - Proposed

No proposed changes except those specifically noted below. All other early season migratory bird regulations are proposed to remain unchanged from 2013. The 2013 regulations are available for review on the fwp.mt.gov website.

Proposed Changes:

- Increase crane bag limit from 1 to 2 in the Ovando-Helmville unit.
- No changes to crane season length although season dates would change due to calendar progression.
 - o Season dates for RMP sandhill cranes (special drawn permits): Sept. 13-Oct. 5
 - o Season dates for mid-continent sandhill cranes: Oct. 4-Nov. 30
- REMINDER: The Dillon/Twin Bridges/Cardwell RMP crane unit was previously expanded by the commission at its February, 2014 meeting to include all of Madison and Gallatin Counties.

COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE AND FINAL ADOPTION MEETINGS

The public comment period on proposed 2014 Early Season Migratory Bird Regulations will extend through 5 p.m., Monday, August 4. Final adoption will be at the August 7 commission meeting.

TO MAKE COMMENT

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded links below can be found under "Opportunity for Public Comment" on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701.

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The deadline for public comment on this item is <u>5 p.m., Monday, August 4</u>. http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2014/2014EarlySeasonMigratoryBirdRegulationsProposed.html